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Rachel Repko is confirmed while her sponsor Denice DeFiore looks on.



The Easter Candle is inscribed after the new fire was blessed.



Sponsor Toni Vellone and Father Glenn with Alicia Ayers just before her Baptism.



Ryan Onestak proclaims "The Exultet" at the Vigil.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 28, 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – Week/April 28, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, APRIL 29th

8:30 AM - Rosemary Pearce
c/o Husband, Geoffrey

TUESDAY, APRIL 30th

8:30 AM – Carol Carson
c/o Frank Langosh

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1st

7:00 PM – Jacob & Genevieve Schosser
c/o Daughter, Kathy Kosty

THURSDAY, MAY 2nd

8:30 AM - Jack Kerins
c/o Dave David, Jr.
6:00 PM – Living Members/Altar Rosary Society
c/o Altar Rosary Society

FRIDAY, MAY 3rd

8:30 AM – Joe Krumpak
c/o Margaret Erdesky

SATURDAY, MAY 4th – Vigil

6:00 PM – Paul Gilfoyle
c/o Paul & Kathy Bauer

SUNDAY, MAY 5th

9:00 AM – Mary Aleksa
c/o Altar Rosary Society
11:30 AM – For our Parishioners



Sunday, April 28th

10:00 am – Religious Ed’s Last Class & Party
2:00 pm – Confirmation Mass
@ St. Joseph’s Church, Sharon

Monday, April 29th

9:30 am - Gospel of Luke Scripture class
6:00 pm – Gospel of Luke Scripture class

Tuesday, April 30th

6:30 pm – 1st Holy Communion Practice/ Church

Thursday, May 2nd

6:00 pm – ARS Mass
6:30 pm - Altar Rosary Society Dinner/ Hall

Friday, May 3rd – 1st Friday

8:30 am – Mass followed by adoration until noon
12:00 pm - Benediction

Sunday, May 5th

11:30 am – First Holy Communion during Mass

EASTER WEEKEND COLLECTION – 4/22/2019

Number of Adult envelopes issued516
Adult Offertory Collections\$ 6,905.00
Children’s Offertory\$35.00
Loose Offertory\$898.00
of envelopes used.....248
Attendance at Mass790
Good Friday Attendance..... 122

**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR OUR HOMEBOUND,
THOSE ON OUR PRAYER CHAIN & HOSPITALIZED:**
Fred Lange – Sharon Reg. Rm.- CCU

A CHRISTIAN SERVICE was celebrated for parishioner, Ken Bridge last week. The prayers and sympathy of the parish are extended to his daughter, Patti Chupak and her husband, Jerry and their son. May he rest in peace.

THE PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY of the parish are extended to Jim & Diane O’Rourke and their family on the death this past week of Jim’s mother, Iris O’Rourke. May she rest in peace.

Also the prayers and sympathy of our parish are extended to Bob & Mona Macchia and Mat & Holly Macchia, and children and Stacia Macchia on the recent death of Bob’s mother and Mat’s & Stacia’s grandmother, Cecelia Macchia, May she rest in peace.

**ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY SPRING DINNER
ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH...**you are invited to the Altar Rosary Society Spring Dinner this **Thursday, May 2, 2019**. We will begin with Mass at 6:00 PM and move to the Social Hall for a chicken dinner. **Send your \$10 and reservations NO LATER than this Sunday, April 28**. Include your name on the outside of the envelope. Make checks out to Altar Rosary Society. Questions, call Bonnie Smith @ 724-674-4600.

MOTHER’S DAY REMEMBRANCE CARDS
Cards for your Mom, living or deceased are available in the Gathering Space. Pick up a card for her, place the donation in the marked envelope for a remembrance of your loved one on Mother’s Day. Drop the envelope in the box provided in the Gathering Space.

ALTAR SERVERS E. MINISTERS

5/4 6:00 pm Nolan Lapikas Monica Hanarahan
Maggie Rumelfanger Bob Bleggi
John Rumelfanger Jacob Rumelfanger
Gary Salatino
Mary Burke
Carol Baker

5/5 9:00 am Vincent Miller Michael Morelli
Vianna Miller Dave Morelli
Volunteer Chrissy Wiesen
Howard Fagan
Jim Uram
Patricia Uram

11:30 am Tyler Mattson Emily Groves
Gabe Davis Jeremy Groves
Aiden Puskar DJ Puskar
Bonnie Smith

LECTOR #1 LECTOR #2

5/4 6:00 pm Diane Salatino James Sobey
5/5 9:00 am Cheryl Wachter Tonya Morelli
11:30 am Judy Miller Erin Borowicz

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS

5/5 6:00 pm Rusty Burger/Mona Macchia
Colleen Pickens/Pat Bleggi
5/5 9:00 am Rudy Koraus/Patrick Miller
Jerry Novosel/Paula Miller
11:30 am Deb Sokolak/Pat Chovan
Maurice Igou/Linda Multari

FROM OUR PASTOR

“He breathed on them and said, “receive the Holy Spirit.”
Fogging a mirror was an ancient way of determining whether the breath (spirit) of a person was still flowing. Before methods like CPR were discovered and adopted, if a person stopped breathing, they were allowed just to slip away. In today’s gospel, Jesus returns to breathe life back into the shallow and constricted lungs of the faith community, releasing them from the fear that choked their ability to live the mission they had been trained to accomplish.

In this fearful space where the disciples were probably in a mode of self-condemnation about their absence of courage when Jesus needed them most, he comes and appears in their midst. He invites them to accept the gift of peace that curiously does not ignore the brutality that had been inflicted on him – the wounds. What Jesus didn’t want was for them to see the wounds and think they had to be avenged; the mission was for reconciliation, healing and forgiveness. And in that instant, the rebirth of the community comes about.

For those present, the rebirth takes place that day, but not all were in attendance. Some were still locked in their fear, most notable among them was Thomas. And he has some conditions before he would agree to come around. It is not so much a stubborn resistance to believe what the others have seen, but it is the necessity from each one to come to faith through a direct personal encounter with Christ.

There is no room for secondhand faith – testimony of others can lead one to Jesus, but it doesn’t substitute for a tangible experience of Christ needed by each one of us. But no matter how one comes to faith, it can only be done with a word we’ve heard *ad nauseam* in the news: as a “conspiracy”, a word which means “to breathe together”. In this context that means within the faith community, where we breathe together through the Spirit who dissolves fear by the use of peace and mercy.

FIRST COMMUNIONS CELEBRATED Next weekend our students will be celebrating their First Communion. Please continue your prayers for Aaron Burk, Andrew David, Thomas David, Liam Davis, Maryn Hosick, William Hosick, Alexa Macchia, Brooklyn Newton and Brady Puskar.



CONGRATULATIONS TO STUDENTS WHO WILL BE CONFIRMED TODAY AT 2:00 PM AT SAINT JOSEPH’S BY BISHOP PERSICO: Kambri Adams, Dylan Anthony, Olivia Franks, Lydia

Hemminger, Ryan Mirizio, Kayla Nichols, Emma Pringle, Jack Pringle, Nolan Songer, Kylie Thompson, Chase Tomko and Joseph Varga

Remember: Leave a trail of empty tombs behind you!
Fr. Glenn

THANK YOU to Barbara Urban for her donations to this year’s Catholic Heart Work Camp and to our parish. Her generosity is very much appreciated.

RELIGIOUS ED CALENDAR

- 4/28 Last Class – All School Party (10-11:20 am)
Confirmation @ St. Joseph’s, Sharon
- 5/5 First Communion during 11:30 am Mass
- 6/9 Gr. 12 Graduation recognition at 11:30 Mass with a luncheon to follow

THANK YOU to all the catechists who taught or substituted in the Religious Education and RCIA programs this past year: Dana Adams, Paula Dalessandro, Myrissa Donaldson, Mary Elleen Douth, Helen Funari, Elizabeth Gingras, Jordan Hando, Fran Hageman, Judy Miller, Sandy Miller, Jennifer Muir, Jack Pringle, Mary Rumelfanger, Mary Svirbly, Tony Tebaldi, Brigid Tebaldi, Toni Vellone, Christine Wiesen.

Thanks also to Brent and Mary Pat Hanssen who coordinated the Teen Shepherds in this their final year as advisors.

If you would like more information on becoming a catechist for Religious Ed, an RCIA team member, a liturgy of the Word leader or Teen Shepherd coordinators contact Lauren DeFelice at religiusedgs@mail.com or by phone: 724-528-3539, option 6.

GOOD SHEPHERD COLLECTION

Retired priests of the Diocese of Erie receive a monthly pension from the Diocesan Priest Retirement fund and if they participated in Social Security another smaller monthly check. They use their pension for basic needs, such as food, housing and transportation. The skyrocketing cost for medical services, prescription drugs, long-term care and gaps in Medicare coverage have resulted in some of these priests over the years exhausting their savings for expenses of health care and absolute essentials. Thus, there is a pressing need to support those priests with supplementary assistance with their expenses for non-insured medical costs and long-term care costs. As the number of retired priests increases, the Priest Retirement Plan needs to grow to meet their future needs. **The Good Shepherd Collection** allows each of us to show our gratitude and support of those retired priests who have cared for us and our spiritual needs and faithfully served our parish in the past: Msgr. Richard Mayer, Fr. Howard King and Msgr. Robert Malene. See the Bishop’s letter.



HELP REBUILD NOTRE DAME CATHEDRAL

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. has set up a fund to help rebuild the Notre Dame Cathedral. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is recommending that those who would like to support this effort visit www.supportNotreDame.org All proceeds will be used solely for the assistance of Notre Dame Cathedral and those affected by this tragedy. Checks can also be mailed to: Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, ATTN: Msgr. Walter Rossi, Rector, 400 Michigan Ave., NE, Washington, D.C. 20017. Checks should be made payable to “Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.” In the memo line of the check, indicate “Cathedral of Notre Dame Fund.”



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